(c) whether National Commision on SCs/STs has also investigated the controversial caste certificate of the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details of the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) to (d) The Election Commision of India, which has been vested with the responsibilities of superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls as well as conduct of elections as per article 324 of the Constitution, has informed that it does not have any information in this regard. Out of the two other concerned Ministries *viz.* the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the former has informed that it does not maintain such statistics. The Ministry of Tribal Affaris has also informed that it does not maintain such statistics as the job of issuance and verification of Scheduled Tribe Certificates rests with the concerned State Governments and Union territory Administration. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has, however, further informed that the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, on investigation into the matter on a complaint filed with it, in its findings has observed that they are of considered views that Shri Ajit P.K. Jogi, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh does not belong to Kanwar Tribe, rather he belongs to Satnami caste which has been notified as a Scheduled Caste in relation to the State of Chhattisgarh.

Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999

2613. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government of Karnataka for the Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The subject-matter of the Question pertains to the Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the Karnataka

Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 was received in that Ministry on 24th May, 1999. Necessary comments of the concerned Ministries, namely, Information and Broadcasting, Environment and Forests, Textiles, and Finance and Company Affairs (Department of Revenue) were thereafter obtained and forwarded to the State Government on 19.2.2002, 3.4.2002, and 1.10.2002 respectively for certain clarifications, which are still awaited from the State Government.

Waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala

2614. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala as national inland navigation waterways; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Revival Programme for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation

2615. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revival programme has been worked out for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC), Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme is proposed to be implemented effectively and if so, by when; and

(d) whether Government have reasonable expectation from CIWTC showing signs of turnaround as a result of the revival programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) yes, Sir. The Government